of operator assisted trunk services, billed figures are as under:—

Year	Amount in Crores of Rs.
1991-92	598
1992-93	517
1993-94	500

(b) The absolute Revenue earning of DOT during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Amount in Crores of Rs
1991-92	4981·24
1992-93	6182·61
1993-94	8277·66

(c) Revenue earnings of DOT are not to be shared between DOT and private operators. The Private operators will pay to the DOT at a prescribed rate for use of DOT's long distance netwodk. Revenue earnings of DOT will depend upon the growth in demand for telephones in the country.

Telegraph Facility in Ranikhet

1263. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct telegraph facility in Ranikhet of Almora District in Uttar Pradesh through the Kumaon Regimental Centre is stationed there;

(b) whether the residents of the region have demanded the opening of direct telegraph offices at Ranikhet, Bhikiyasain, Basot, and Bhatraujkhan;

(c) whtther Government would take steps to open direct telegraph offices at the above places, keeping in view the fact that a large number of youngmen of the area are serving our defence forces and the above facility will inmensely help the soldiers and their family members; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir. Ranikhet of Almorah District has been provided with telegraph facilities through a telecom centre working at Ranikhet and connected with direct teleprinter circuit to Nainital Telegraph Office which in turn has got national access through the computerised network.

(b) At present no such demand has been received.

(c) Telegraph acility will be provided based on demand potential of traffic and feasibility of opening the telegraph office. At present it is not envisaged to open new telegraph facilities at these places.

(d) Does not arise.

Pilot Project in the secondary switch areas of Tamil Nadu

1264. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new telecom policy, while providing for introduction of pilot projects has categorically stated that this should be under the direct supervision of the DOT; and

(b) if so, whether this stipulation of the NTP regarding pilot projects has been adhered to while awarding a letter of intent to M/s. US West India for pilot project in the adjoining secondary switch areas of Tamil Nadu?